

Continued Examination (RCE) requested a three (3) month extension of the time period prescribed for filing applicants' Appeal Brief, whereas a four (4) month extension of such time period should have been requested. In order to correct this oversight, applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby petition for a four (4) month extension of the aforesaid time period to allow for the timely filing of the February 28, 2003 RCE.

A check in the amount of \$260.00 is enclosed in payment of the petition fee for the fourth month's extension of time. This amount represents the difference between the petition fee required for a four (4) month extension of time (\$725.00) and the petition fee required for a three (3) month extension of time (\$465.00), which as previously submitted with the filing of the February 28, 2003 RCE.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406. A duplicate copy of this paper is also enclosed to facilitate such debiting or crediting.

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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §202(c), it is hereby acknowledged that the U.S. Government has certain rights in the invention described herein, which was made in part with funds from the National Science Foundation under Grant No. DMR-9502807.

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